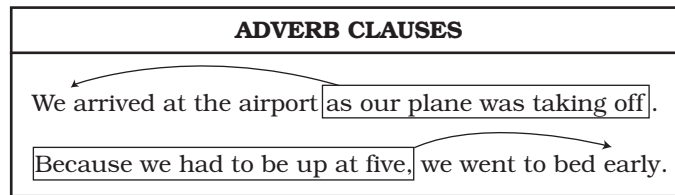


21.2 Adverb Clauses • Practice 1

The Adverb Clause An adverb clause is a subordinate clause that modifies a verb, adjective, adverb, or verbal. An adverb clause always begins with a subordinating conjunction. Adverb clauses tell *when*, *where*, *how*, or *why*.



Elliptical Adverb Clauses An elliptical adverb clause is one in which the verb or the subject and verb are understood but not actually stated.

ELLIPTICAL CLAUSES
My brother is taller <i>than I (am)</i> .
Please send your payment as early as <i>(it is) possible</i> .

Exercise 1 Identifying Adverb Clauses. Underline the adverb clause in each sentence. Then circle the subordinating conjunction in each.

EXAMPLE: The movie had already started when we arrived.

- The elevator will not move unless both doors are closed.
- You will find the almanacs where the other reference books are shelved.
- Betsy plays golf whenever she gets the chance.
- After you have beaten the eggs, slowly add the dry ingredients.
- The washer will stop if the door is opened.
- Residents are urged to conserve water until the shortage ends.
- The pictures came out badly because the lighting was poor.
- We had a good time at the picnic even though it rained off and on.
- No one may enter the studio while the red light is on.
- A tire blew out as the jet taxied to the runway.

Exercise 2 Completing Elliptical Clauses. Write each adverb clause, adding any understood words that have been left out.

EXAMPLE: Wherever possible, the guide planted trees. Wherever it was possible

- When younger, Edison worked for the railroad. _____
- The contestants valued the honor more than the prize money. _____
- They walked unsteadily, as if dazed. _____
- The Penguins are a better all-round team than the Seals. _____
- I would like to see Dr. Richard this afternoon, if possible. _____
- An adverb clause is a subordinate clause that acts as an adverb. _____
- We believe our climate is much better than theirs. _____
- George goes surfing as often as Glenda. _____
- If ready, the new chairs will be delivered on Tuesday. _____
- Julie's dog is more aggressive than Van Winkle. _____